

FIGURES OF SPEECH

Words or phrases that describe one thing in terms of something else; always involve some sort of imaginary comparison between seemingly unlike things; not meant to be taken literally

Simile

A comparison of two different things or ideas through the use of the words LIKE or AS

Metaphor

a comparison of two unlike things not using like or as

Personification

Writing that gives inanimate objects or abstract ideas human characteristics

Pun

A play on words that are identical or similar in sound but have sharply different meanings. Puns can have serious as well as humorous uses.

Paradox

When elements of a statement contradict each other; may appear illogical, impossible, or absurd, but turns out to reveal a hidden truth

Idiom

An accepted phrase or expression having a meaning different from the literal

Oxymoron

A form of paradox that combines a pair of opposite terms into a single unusual expression

Hyperbole

A deliberate, extravagant and often outrageous exaggeration; may be used for either serious or comic effect.

CONFLICT

A struggle between two opposing forces

Character Vs. Character

When a character has a problem with another character

Character Vs. Self

When a character must make a decision about a problem or struggle he is having within himself

Character Vs. Society

When a character has a problem with a tradition or rule of society

Character Vs. Nature

When a character has a problem with a force of nature such as cold, storms, earthquakes, etc.

Character Vs. Fate

When a character has a problem with something he can't do anything about, such as God, luck, death, etc.